

UNITED STATES MILITARY DECORATIONS

(IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE)	AWARDED FOR:	MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE	AWARDED TO: UNITED STATES PERSONNEL			FOREIGN PERSONNEL		TIME LIMITS FOR SUBMISSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS
			MILITARY	RESERVE	CIVILIAN	MILITARY	CIVILIAN	
MEDAL OF HONOR	Combat		War (1)					3 years from date of action. Award must be made within 5 years of date of action (5)
NAVY CROSS	Combat		War		War	War	War	3 years from date of action. Award must be made within 5 years of date of action (5)
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL		War Peace	War Peace	War Peace	War Peace	War Peace	War Peace	3 years from terminal date of service. Award must be made within 5 years from date of service (5)
SILVER STAR	Combat		War		War (2)	War	War (2)	3 years from date of action. Award must be made within 5 years of date of action (5)
LEGION OF MERIT		War Peace	War Peace	Peace		War Peace (4)		3 years from terminal date of service (5)
DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS	Combat (3) Non-Combat	War Peace	War Peace	Peace	Peace	War		2 years from date of action (5)
NAVY & MARINE CORPS MEDAL	Non-Combat		War Peace		Peace	War Peace		3 years from date of action. Award must be made within 5 years of date of action (5)
BRONZE STAR	Combat (3)	War Peace	War Peace		War (2) Peace (2)	War Peace	War (2) Peace (2)	3 years from date of service (5)
PURPLE HEART	Wounds received in combat or as result of international terrorists acts		War		War			No time limit

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL		Peace	Peace	Peace		Peace	(5)	3 years from date of service
AIR MEDAL	Combat (3) Non-Combat	War Peace	War Peace	War Peace	War (2)	War	War (2)	3 years from date of service (5)
NAVY & MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION	Combat (3) Non-Combat	War Peace	War Peace	War Peace	Peace	War Peace (3)		3 years from date of service (5)
NAVY & MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT	Combat (3) Non-Combat	War Peace	War Peace	War Peace	Peace	War Peace		3 years from date of service (5)
COMBAT ACTION RIBBON	Active participation in ground or surface combat		War					3 years from date of action

NOTES :

1. The Medal of Honor is awarded only to Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard (if part of the Navy Department).
2. Not usually awarded to these personnel.
3. Awarded with Bronze "V" device for valor in combat.
4. Awarded to foreign military personnel in one of the four degrees.
5. Time limit may be extended if the Secretary of the Navy determines that:
 - (1) a statement setting forth the act or distinguished service and recommending official recognition of it was made by the person's superior through official channels within 3 years from the date of that act or service and was supported by sufficient evidence within that time; and
 - (2) no award was made because the statement was lost or through inadvertence the recommendation was not acted on.